Inmate Janitorial and Laundry Workers

531.1 PURPOSE

The Thurston County Sheriff's Office Corrections Bureau will ensure a safe and secure environment for inmates to conduct janitorial and laundry functions.

531.2 PROCEDURE

1. Once a qualified inmate worker has been identified, Members will ensure that the newly assigned inmate workers are fully trained and instructed on operational and safety aspects of janitorial/laundry tasks including the use of personal protective equipment and biohazard safety precautions.
2. Annotation will be made in the inmate notes section within the jail information management system that the training has been completed and by whom.
3. Members will monitor inmate janitor and laundry workers to ensure they are satisfactorily completing their assignments.
4. Members directly supervising inmate workers are responsible to ensure inmate workers observe blood borne pathogen precautions.
5. Inmates will use protective equipment suitable for the task. When dealing with known potentially biohazard material, at a minimum gloves, eye protection, face shield, and outer protective wear will be worn. Members will not allow exceptions to this requirement.
6. Members should have a direct and continuous line of sight supervision for inmates cleaning areas containing biohazard material.
7. If any blood borne pathogen exposure occurs or is suspected the On Duty Supervisor will be notified.

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